

**IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS}**  
**COUNTY OF HIDALGO}**

***In the Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Court***

I, B.J. Hill, a peace officer employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety as a Texas Ranger, do solemnly swear that I have reason to believe and do believe that **Marco Alberto Cantu**, a Hispanic male, DOB: 04-23-1961 did, on or about 10-8-2019, in Hidalgo County, Texas, by means of coercion, threatened Hidalgo County District Judge Mario Ramirez and intentionally and knowingly attempted to influence him, a public servant, in a specific exercise of his official power.

**Probable Cause:** On 11-07-2019, I conducted an interview with 332<sup>nd</sup> District Court Judge Mario Ramirez at the Hidalgo County Court House. During the interview with Judge Ramirez, he explained that he had received a threatening voicemail on the 332<sup>nd</sup> Court phone from Marco Cantu. Judge Ramirez stated Cantu threatened to take him before the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), demanding him to not sign an order on a civil case involving Cantu, and if he did sign an order to resend it immediately. Judge Ramirez stated he felt like Cantu was ordering him what to do on this particular matter. Judge Ramirez explained that he felt this action by Cantu was wrong, a threat, coercion, or blackmail. I listened to the voicemail left by Cantu and transcribed it as followed:

"Yea Tootsie and Judge Ramirez, this is Mark Cantu. You better call me back at \_\_\_\_\_ because I'm going to call the FBI and tell the FBI what the hell you are doing as the Presiding Judge of the 332<sup>nd</sup> getting involved with helping your friend Carlos Guerra and Michael Moore. You better call me and you better straighten it out and if I were you I would not sign any orders and if you signed some orders, I would resend them immediately, Thank you."

Judge Ramirez explained that Cantu had filed several similar civil lawsuits against the Hidalgo County District Attorney Ricardo Rodriguez in multiple different Hidalgo County District Courts. The original Court in which Cantu filed this civil law suit was in the 92<sup>nd</sup> District Court. Judge Ramirez stated that Cantu filed a nonsuit in this case and continued to file the case in the other District Courts in Hidalgo County, forum shopping. Judge Ramirez stated that one of the courts that Cantu filed the lawsuit in was the 430th District Court with Judge Israel Ramon. Judge Ramirez explained that Judge Ramon sent him this case to make a ruling as the Local Presiding Judge.

Judge Ramirez explained that he serves as the Local Presiding Judge, elected to that position by other District Judges in Hidalgo County. His responsibilities as the Local Presiding Judge are to handle administrative matters within Hidalgo County such as disputes between Judges, cases between different courts, and budgetary matters. Judge Ramirez stated that one of the things he is responsible for is to enforce the local rules.

When Judge Ramon brought the case involving Cantu to him, he explained Ramon wanted to recuse himself from the case due to previously represented people in another case involving Cantu. Judge Ramirez continued to explain that when a person forum shops the local rules require the case to be sent back to the court in which it was originally filed. As the Presiding Judge, Judge Ramirez stated it was his job to determine if forum shopping was occurring and to make a ruling if this case should be sent back to the original court. Judge Ramirez explained that he intended to hold a hearing on the matter to determine if the case should be sent back to the 92<sup>nd</sup> District Court.

After receiving the phone call, Judge Ramirez explained that he felt he could no longer be fair to Cantu in deciding on this case. He continued to explain that he believed he was now a complainant in a criminal matter against Cantu and it would not be appropriate for him to continue as the Judge over this case and as a result, recused himself. On 10-08-2019 Marco Cantu committed the offense of Coercion of a Public

Servant by then and there, by means of coercion, threatened Hidalgo County District Judge Mario Ramirez with reporting him to the FBI on accusations of Obstruction of Justice if he took action moving his civil case to a different court. Cantu intentionally and knowingly attempt to influence Judge Ramirez's decision as the Hidalgo County Presiding Judge on the enforcement of the local rules and the proper jurisdiction of a civil lawsuit filed by Cantu. Cantu was not a member of a governing body of a governmental entity, and Cantu's conduct was not an official action taken by a member of a governing body.

***Contrary to the statutes in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Texas.***

B.J. Hill  
Affiant

Sworn and subscribed before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019 A.D.

Jaime "Jerry" Munoz - Justice of the Peace Precinct 2

File: W-19-0267-J22

Typed by Company "D" Texas Ranger B.J. Hill #13210

Case Number: 2019I-TRD-50047225





File No. W-19-0267-J22

Case Number: 2019I-TRD-50047225

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To any Peace Officer of the State of Texas,  
Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to arrest: **Marco Alberto Cantu**, DOB: 04/23/1961 if found in your county and bring him here before me, a Magistrate, of Hidalgo County, Texas in my office at Pharr in said County, Immediately, then and there to answer The State of Texas for an offense against the laws of said State, to wit: Offense: **Coercion of Public Servant Texas Penal Code 36.03 (1) Class A Misdemeanor** of which offense he is accused by a written complaint, under oath of Texas Ranger B.J. Hill for the State of Texas, complaint filed before me.

Herein Fail Not, but of this writ make due return, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my Official Signature this 15th day of November, 2019.

Jairne "Jerry" Munoz  
Justice of the Peace Precinct 2  
Hidalgo County, Texas



**SHERIFF'S or CONSTABLE RETURN**

Came to hand the 15th day of November, 2019 at 3:20 o'clock Pm, and executed on the 15th day of November, 2019 at 3:20 o'clock Pm., by arresting the within named **Marco Alberto Cantu** at Boh Nalana in Hidalgo County, Texas and taking his bond, placing him in jail at the Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center.

I actually and necessarily traveled 30 miles in the service of this writ in addition to any other mileage I may have traveled in the service of the other process in this cause during the same trip.

**FEES:**

Making arrest	\$ _____
Mileage	\$ _____
Taking Bond	\$ _____
Commitment	\$ _____
Release	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

**B.J. Hill, Texas Ranger  
HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**

BY B.J. Hill, Texas Ranger

**COMMITMENT**

MAG19-1124-J22  
Hidalgo County, Texas

File: 2019I-TRD-50047225

**The State of Texas VS. Marco Alberto Cantu DOB: 04/23/1961**

**TO THE HONORABLE SHERIFF OF HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS  
GREETINGS:**

YOU ARE ORDERED to receive and place in your jail in Hidalgo County, Texas **Marco Alberto Cantu** who is charged with the offense **Coercion of Public Servant Texas Penal Code 36.03 (1) Class A Misdemeanor** filed in the County Court.

Said Defendant is being held to appear INSTANTER before any court, which may acquire jurisdiction over this case. The amount of bail on said Defendant is hereby set in the amount of \$ 1000.00. If the Defendant shall make his bail and give security, therefore, to be approved by you, conditioned that he will appear and answer before the proper Court for the accusation brought against him, he shall be released, as required by law, otherwise, he shall be held by you in your custody pursuant to this order.

Signed this 15th day of November, 2019 A.D.

Magistrate, Hidalgo County, Texas



DOCKET# MAG19-1124-J22

Sheriff Use Only:

TRN# \_\_\_\_\_

PID # \_\_\_\_\_

Law Enforcement Agency: Texas Rangers

Date Of Arrest: Nov. 15, 2019

Time Of Arrest: \_\_\_\_\_

Place Of Arrest: 801 Nolana McAllen, TX

HAS A PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT BEEN FILED? ☒ YES ☐ NO

DOES THE ACCUSED SPEAK ENGLISH? ☒ YES ☐ NO LANGUAGE? \_\_\_\_\_

Court: Judge Jaime Jerry Muñoz

Hidalgo County, Texas

Warrant #, If Any: 18-19-0267-J22

Amount of Bond: \$ 1000.00 CPS

**MAGISTRATE'S WARNING**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

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Vs.  
Marco Alberto Cantu D.O.B. 04/23/1961

Before me, the undersigned, magistrate of Hidalgo County, Texas on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019 at 4:00 o'clock AM/PM, appeared Marco Alberto Cantu. I gave said person the following warning:

- ☒ You are charged with the offense of Coercion of Public Servant ☐ a felony ☐ a misdemeanor
- ☒ You have a right to hire an attorney to represent you.
- ☒ You have the right to have an attorney present prior to and during any interview and questioning by peace officers or attorneys representing the State.
- ☒ You have the right to remain silent.
- ☒ You are not required to make a statement, and any statement you make can and may be used against you in court.
- ☒ You have the right to stop any interview or questioning at any time.
- ☒ You have the right to have an examining trial (felonies only).
- ☒ You have the right to request appointment of counsel if you cannot afford counsel.
- ☒ An application for a court appointed attorney must be completed to determine if you qualify for a court appointed attorney;
- ☒ Reasonable assistance will be provided to you when filling out the application for a court appointed attorney, if needed;
- ☒ You must sign a financial affidavit;
- ☒ An affidavit is a written or printed declaration or statement of facts made voluntarily and confirmed by oath before a person having authority to administer such oath;
- ☒ If you meet the indigent standards, you will qualify for a court appointed attorney; and,
- ☒ Attorney should attempt to contact you by the end of the first working day after appointment and to interview you as soon as practicable after the appointment.

THE ACCUSED ☒ DOES ☐ DOES NOT WANT TO REQUEST COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY.  
Contacted anyone since arrest? Y or N Who? \_\_\_\_\_

**IMMIGRATION ADMONISHMENTS:** If you are not a United States citizen and you have been arrested or detained, you may be entitled to have us notify your country's consular representatives here in the United States. Do you want us to notify your country's consular officials? ☐ No ☐ YES  
If you responded "YES," what country? \_\_\_\_\_

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT THE ACCUSED BE REMANDED IN TO CUSTODY PENDING FURTHER PROCEEDING AGAINST HIM/HER ON SAID ACCUSATION, AND IN THE MEANTIME HE/SHE BE ADMITTED TO BAIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1000.00 CPS, CONDITIONED ON HIS/HER APPEARANCE INSTANTLY BEFORE ANY COURT OR MAGISTRATE TAKING JURISDICTION HERE OF AND BEFORE WHOM THE ACCUSATION MAY HEREAFTER BE PENDING AT ANY TIME WHEN AND PLACE WHERE, HIS PRESENCE MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW OR BY SUCH COURT OR MAGISTRATE.

I acknowledge that I was given the above  
Warning (This is NOT an admission of guilt)

Person warned: \_\_\_\_\_



Magistrate

Place of warning: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: 4:00 PM

Date: 11-15-19

Witness (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Accused refused to sign acknowledgement  
of warning: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

This hearing was interpreted by: \_\_\_\_\_



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**THE STATE OF TEXAS}  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO}**

***In the Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Court***

I, B.J. Hill, a peace officer employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety as a Texas Ranger, do solemnly swear that I have reason to believe and do believe that **Marco Alberto Cantu**, a Hispanic male, DOB: 04-23-1961 did, on or about 10-8-2019, in Hidalgo County, Texas, with an intent to influence the outcome of an adjudicatory proceeding on the basis of considerations other than those authorized by law, addressed privately, an argument to Judge Mario Ramirez, the 332<sup>nd</sup> District Court Judge, who would have exercised official discretion in this proceeding.

**Probable Cause:** On 11-07-2019, I conducted an interview with 332<sup>nd</sup> District Court Judge Mario Ramirez at the Hidalgo County Court House. During the interview with Judge Ramirez, he explained that he had received a threatening voicemail on the 332<sup>nd</sup> Court phone from Marco Cantu. Judge Ramirez stated Cantu threatened to take him before the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), demanding him to not sign an order on a civil case involving Cantu, and if he did sign an order to resend it immediately. Judge Ramirez stated he felt like Cantu was ordering him what to do on this particular matter. Judge Ramirez explained that he felt this action by Cantu was wrong, a threat, coercion, or blackmail. I listened to the voicemail left by Cantu and transcribed it as followed:

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Judge Ramirez explained that Cantu had filed several similar civil lawsuits against the Hidalgo County District Attorney Ricardo Rodriguez in multiple different Hidalgo County District Courts. The original Court in which Cantu filed this civil law suit was in the 92<sup>nd</sup> District Court. Judge Ramirez stated that Cantu filed a nonsuit in this case and continued to file the case in the other District Courts in Hidalgo County, forum shopping. Judge Ramirez stated that one of the courts that Cantu filed the lawsuit in was the 430th District Court with Judge Israel Ramon. Judge Ramirez explained that Judge Ramon sent him this case to make a ruling as the Local Presiding Judge.

Judge Ramirez explained that he serves as the Local Presiding Judge, elected to that position by other District Judges in Hidalgo County. His responsibilities as the Local Presiding Judge are to handle administrative matters within Hidalgo County such as disputes between Judges, cases between different courts, and budgetary matters. Judge Ramirez stated that one of the things he is responsible for is to enforce the local rules.

When Judge Ramon brought the case involving Cantu to him, he explained Ramon wanted to recuse himself from the case due to previously represented people in another case involving Cantu. Judge Ramirez continued to explain that when a person forum shops the local rules require the case to be sent back to the court in which it was originally filed. As the Presiding Judge, Judge Ramirez stated it was his job to determine if forum shopping was occurring and to make a ruling if this case should be sent back to the original court. Judge Ramirez explained that he intended to hold a hearing on the matter to determine if the case should be sent back to the 92<sup>nd</sup> District Court.

After receiving the phone call, Judge Ramirez explained that he felt he could no longer be fair to Cantu in deciding on this case. He continued to explain that he believed he was now a complainant in a criminal

matter against Cantu and it would not be appropriate for him to continue as the Judge over this case and as a result, recused himself. On 10-08-2019, Cantu committed the offense of Improper Influence Texas Penal Code 36.04 (a) by then and there, with an intent to influence the outcome of an adjudicatory proceeding on the basis of considerations other than those authorized by law, addressed privately, an argument through a phone call to 332<sup>nd</sup> District Court Judge Mario Ramirez. Judge Ramirez is a public servant who would have exercised official discretion in a proceeding, which he as the Hidalgo County Local Presiding Judge, would have made a determination on forum shopping in reference to civil cases filed by Cantu.

***Contrary to the statutes in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Texas.***

B.G. Hill

Affiant

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 14 day of April 2019 A.D.

Jaime "Jerry" Munoz - Justice of the Peace Precinct 2

File: W-19-0268-J22

Typed by Company "D" Texas Ranger B.I. Hill #13210

Case Number: 2019I-TRD-50047225





File No. W-19-0268-J22

Case Number: 2019I-TRD-50047225

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

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Greeting:**

You are hereby commanded to arrest: **Marco Alberto Cantu**, DOB: 04-23-1961 if found in your county and bring him here before me, a Magistrate, of Hidalgo County, Texas in my office at Pharr in said County, Immediately, then and there to answer The State of Texas for an offense against the laws of said State, to wit: Offense: **Improper Influence - Texas Penal Code 36.04 (a) Class A Misdemeanor** of which offense he is accused by a written complaint, under oath of Texas Ranger B.J. Hill for the State of Texas, complaint filed before me.

Herein Fail Not, but of this writ make due return, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my Official signature this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

Jaime "Jerry" Munoz  
Justice of the Peace Precinct 2  
Hidalgo County, Texas



**SHERIFF'S or CONSTABLE RETURN**

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I actually and necessarily traveled 30 miles in the service of this writ in addition to any other mileage I may have traveled in the service of the other process in this cause during the same trip.

**FEES:**

Making arrest	\$ _____
Mileage	\$ _____
Taking Bond	\$ _____
Commitment	\$ _____
Release	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

**B.J. Hill, Texas Ranger  
HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**

BY B.J. Hill, Texas Ranger

**COMMITMENT**

MAA19-1125-J22

File: 2019I-TRD-50047225

**Hidalgo County, Texas**

**The State of Texas VS. Marco Alberto Cantu DOB: 04/23/1961**

**TO THE HONORABLE SHERIFF OF HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**

**GREETINGS:**

YOU ARE ORDERED to receive and place in your jail in Hidalgo County, Texas **Marco Alberto Cantu** who is charged with the offense **Improper Influence - Texas Penal Code 36.04 (a) Class A Misdemeanor** filed in the County Court.

Said Defendant is being held to appear INSTANTER before any court, which may acquire jurisdiction over this case. The amount of bail on said Defendant is hereby set in the amount of \$ 1000.00. If the Defendant shall make his bail and give security, therefore, to be approved by you, conditioned that he will appear and answer before the proper Court for the accusation brought against him, he shall be released, as required by law. Otherwise, he shall be held by you in your custody pursuant to this order.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 A.D.

Magistrate, Hidalgo County, Texas



DOCKET# MAG19-1125-J22

Sheriff Use Only:

TRN# \_\_\_\_\_

PID# \_\_\_\_\_

Law Enforcement Agency: Texas RangersDate Of Arrest: Nov. 15, 2019

Time Of Arrest: \_\_\_\_\_

Place Of Arrest: 801 Nolana W. Allen, TXCourt: Judge Jaime Jerry Muñoz

Hidalgo County, Texas

Warrant #, If Any: W1-19-0268-J22Amount of Bond: \$ 1000.00 C/PHAS A PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT BEEN FILED? ☒ YES ☐ NODOES THE ACCUSED SPEAK ENGLISH? ☒ YES ☐ NO LANGUAGE? \_\_\_\_\_

## MAGISTRATE'S WARNING

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Vs.

Marco Alberto Cantu D.O.B. 04/23/61

Before me, the undersigned, magistrate of Hidalgo County, Texas on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019 at 9:00 o'clock AM/PM, appeared Marco Alberto Cantu. I gave said person the following warning:

- ☒ You are charged with the offense of Improper Influence ☐ a felony ☐ a misdemeanor
- ☒ You have a right to hire an attorney to represent you.
- ☒ You have the right to have an attorney present prior to and during any interview and questioning by peace officers or attorneys representing the State.
- ☒ You have the right to remain silent.
- ☒ You are not required to make a statement, and any statement you make can and may be used against you in court.
- ☒ You have the right to stop any interview or questioning at any time.
- ☒ You have the right to have an examining trial (felonies only).
- ☒ You have the right to request appointment of counsel if you cannot afford counsel.
- ☒ An application for a court appointed attorney must be completed to determine if you qualify for a court appointed attorney;
- ☒ Reasonable assistance will be provided to you when filling out the application for a court appointed attorney, if needed;
- ☒ You must sign a financial affidavit;
- ☒ An affidavit is a written or printed declaration or statement of facts made voluntarily and confirmed by oath before a person having authority to administer such oath;
- ☒ If you meet the indigent standards, you will qualify for a court appointed attorney; and,
- ☒ Attorney should attempt to contact you by the end of the first working day after appointment and to interview you as soon as practicable after the appointment.

THE ACCUSED ☒ DOES ☐ DOES NOT WANT TO REQUEST COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY.  
Contacted anyone since arrest? Y or N Who? \_\_\_\_\_

**IMMIGRATION ADMONISHMENTS:** If you are not a United States citizen and you have been arrested or detained, you may be entitled to have us notify your country's consular representatives here in the United States. Do you want us to notify your country's consular officials? ☐ NO ☐ YES  
If you responded "YES," what country? \_\_\_\_\_

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT THE ACCUSED BE REMANDED IN TO CUSTODY PENDING FURTHER PROCEEDING AGAINST HIM/HER ON SAID ACCUSATION, AND IN THE MEANTIME HE/SHE BE ADMITTED TO BAIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1000.00 C/P, CONDITIONED ON HIS/HER APPEARANCE INSTANTER BEFORE ANY COURT OR MAGISTRATE TAKING JURISDICTION HERE OF AND BEFORE WHOM THE ACCUSATION MAY HEREAFTER BE PENDING AT ANY TIME WHEN AND PLACE WHERE, HIS PRESENCE MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW OR BY SUCH COURT OR MAGISTRATE.

I acknowledge that I was given the above  
Warning (This is NOT an admission of guilt)

Person warned \_\_\_\_\_

Accused refused to sign acknowledgement  
of warning:

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_



Magistrate

Place of warning: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: 9:00 PMDate: 11-15-19

Witness (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

This hearing was interpreted by: \_\_\_\_\_